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SUBJ: PORT CONGESTION JIDDA: ALLEGATION OF BERTHING
DISCRIMINATION

REF : A. JIDDA 7424; B. STATE 045612

1. CONSULTATION WITH CHIEF ADVISOR TO THE JIDDA PORT
AUTHORITY CONFIRMS THAT THE 19-COMPANY UK/CONTINENT/RED
SEA CONFERENCE (REPRESENTING OVER 90 PERCENT OF ALL GEN-
ERAL CARGO FROM EUROPEAN POINTS) HAS HAD TWO BERTHS RE-
SERVED FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF CONVERENCE VESSELS IN RETURN
FOR A REDUCTION FROM 30 TO 20 PERCENT OF THE CONGESTION
SURCHARGE BEING LEVIED FOR JIDDA PORT.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE INFORMED IN CONFIDENCE THAT A
RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORTATION THAT ONE BERTH ALSO BE ALLOCATED FOR SHIPS
CALLING FROM U.S. PORTS--SPECIFICALLY, THOSE OF THE FIRMS
OF WATERMAN, DJAKARTA LLOYD, BARBER, AND HELLENIC; AND
ONE BERTH FOR SHIPS FROM THE FAR EAST. (DUE TO THE SEN-
SITIVITY OF THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTRY, POR
OFFICIALS REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION NOT BE MADE
PUBLIC OR GIVEN OUT TO SHIPPING LINES.)

4. JIDDA PORT STATISTICS SHOW THAT THE AVERAGE CURRENT
WAITING TIME FOR ALL SHIPS IS SEVEN AND ONE-HALF DAYS.

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EXCLUDING LOCAL SHIPPING, THE AVERAGE JUMPS TO 18 DAYS.

JIDDA IS CURRENTLY SERVICING FIFTEEN SHIPS PER DAY AT TWLEVE BERTHS. TOTAL TONNAGE HANDLED PER DAY IS AVERAGING 8,000 TONS. IMPORT TONNAGE FOR 1974 WAS 1,800,000 TONS AND THE TOTAL IS EXPECTED TO REACH 2,250,000 TONS FOR 1975.

5. STATISTICS SHOW THAT THE TONNAGE PROCESSED IN 1974 FOR VESSELS ENGAGED IN THE U.S./JIDDA TRADE WAS:

A. BARBER	50,462
B. DJAKARTA LLOYD	75,918
C. HELLENIC	141,300
D. WATERMAN	29,396

297,076 TONS

6. TONNAGE FOR FIRMS ENGAGED IN FAR EASTERN TRADE WAS:

A. OSK	32,000 (10,500 FOR CARS)
B. NYK	120,000 (55,500 FOR CARS)

152,000 TONS

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